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"	Mrs. G.M. Walker, J.P.	
"	Geo. Gayther.	
"	E.T. Harris,	J.P., C.C.
"	Ald. Rd. Brick,	(Retired May, 1964).
"	J.A. Griffiths,	(Retired May, 1964).
"	J.P. Knill.	
"	A.H. Lloyd,	J.P.
"	Jno. Morris.	
"	J.W. Morris.	
"	J.G. Pryce, J.P.	
"	E.K. Pugh.	
"	V.W. Pugh,	J.P.
"	H.L. Vaughan.	
"	Rd. Watkins.	
"	W.E.J. Watson.	
"	J.T. Williams,	(Retired May, 1964).
"	J. Parker.	
"	D.D. Jones.	
"	H.S. Morgan.	
"	W.R.L. Price.	
"	E.S. Davies.	

Clerk - J.A. Jones, F.C.C.S., A.I.A.C.,
Medical Officer of Health - J.G. Garman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
Public Health Inspector/Surveyor - D.I. Davies, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., M.R.I.P.H.H.

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year ended 31st December, 1964.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Knighton Rural District Council.

July, 1965.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Walker and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to submit my 21st Annual Report upon the vital statistics, sanitary conditions and general health in the Rural District of Knighton.

In submitting my report I shall endeavour to include, in addition to the required statistics and particulars of infectious diseases, an account of sanitation in the area under my control.

Once again I am pleased to report that satisfactory progress has been maintained in connection with erection of new dwellings by private enterprise and also the reconditioning and improvements of existing houses.

During the year 62 applications and plans were submitted to the Council for Building Byelaw consideration and all were approved. This was an increase on last year's figures when 47 Building Byelaw applications were approved. It is encouraging to note that more persons now seem to take advantage of the improvement grants scheme under the Housing Acts.

Since 1945 a total of 66 new houses have been erected by private owners and at the end of the year a further 8 houses were under construction. With the installation of further water supply schemes and sewerage schemes no doubt that these figures will tend to continue.

The Norton Sewerage Scheme is now nearing completion and drains from the various properties are being connected to the main sewer.

OFFICIALS.

The Ministry of Health has requested details and qualifications of the Council's Senior Public Health Officers, which are as follows:-

Medical Officer of Health (Part-time) Dr. J.G. Garman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Public Health Inspector (Full-time) D.I. Davies, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., M.R.I.P.H.H.

All matters of Public Health are under the control of these Officers, and the whole Council deal with matters of Public Health, there being no separate Public Health Committee for the Council.

STATISTICS.

Total Area (in acres of the District)	88,667.
Population (Estimated)	2,700.
Rateable Value	£64,347.

LIVE BIRTHS.

There were 49 live births registered during the year, of which 24 were male, and 25 female, giving a birth rate of 18.14 per 1,000 of the population of the area.

The Birth rate for 1963 was 16.11 per 1,000 population of the area.

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS.

There were 3 illegitimate live births registered during the year, being 2 males and 1 female.

STILLBIRTHS.

There were no still births registered during the year.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year ended 31st December, 1935.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Knighton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Walker and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to submit my 31st Annual Report upon the vital statistics
sanitary conditions and general health in the Rural District of Knighton.

In submitting my report I shall endeavour to include, in addition to the
general statistics and particulars of infectious diseases, an account of sanitary
in the area under my control.

Once again I am pleased to report that satisfactory progress has been made
in connection with erection of new dwellings by private enterprise and also the
reconditioning and improvement of existing houses.

During the year 62 applications and plans were submitted to the Council for
Building Hygiene consideration and all were approved. This was an increase on
year's figures when 47 Building Hygiene applications were approved. It is known
to note that more persons now seem to take advantage of the improvement granted
under the Housing Acts.

Since 1934 a total of 63 new houses have been erected by private owners and
the end of the year a further 3 houses were under construction. With the instal-
tion of further water supply schemes and sewerage schemes no doubt that there is
will be a further improvement in the health of the district.

The Rural District Council have taken various steps to bring the district
properties and buildings up to the standard required by the Acts.

OFFICIALS.
The Ministry of Health has requested details and qualifications of the Coun-
cil's Public Health Officers, which are as follows:-

Medical Officer of Health (Part-time) Dr. J. G. Burton, M.B.E.S., F.R.C.P.
Public Health Inspector (Full-time) D. L. Davies, M.B.E.S., M.A.P.H.I., M.B.I.P.

All matters of Public Health are under the control of these Officers, and
whole Council deal with matters of Public Health, there being no separate Public
Health Committee for the Council.

STATISTICS.

Total Area (in acres of the District)	88,667.
Population (estimated)	2,700.
Rateable Value	£24,340.

LIVE BIRTHS.

There were 49 live births registered during the year, of which 24 were male
and 25 female, giving a birth rate of 18.1 per 1,000 of the population of the

The birth rate for 1934 was 16.11 per 1,000 population of the area.

ILLUSTRATIVE LIVE BIRTHS.

There were 3 illustrative live births registered during the year, being 2
and 1 female.

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There were no still births registered during the year.

DEATHS.

The total number of deaths of all ages registered during the year was 34, giving a death rate of 12.59 for the whole district as compared with 36 deaths in 1963 giving a rate of 13.18 per 1,000.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There were no deaths of infants under one year of age.

AREA COMPARABILITY FACTORS.

Births 1.27 Deaths 0.87.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRE.

There are Ante-Natal Infant Welfare and Tuberculosis Clinics in operation at Knighton and Llandrindod Wells. The home visiting of expectant mothers attending the Ante-Natal Clinic is undertaken by the Midwives.

Within reasonable distance Hereford, Shrewsbury, Llandrindod Wells and Newtown Hospitals are available for treatment, and Hereford and Shrewsbury have centres for the treatment of venereal diseases.

ORTHOPEADIC SCHEME.

This scheme covers all children and adults with fortnightly clinic at Llandrindod Wells.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Resulting from the regular inspection, provision is made for treatment. An Eye Clinic is installed in Knighton and Llandrindod Wells. A Mobile Dental Service is provided at each school in the area.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following infectious diseases were notified during the year.

- (a) Non-pulmonary tuberculosis. One male, 55 yrs. of age.
- (b) Whooping Cough. Eight cases, being 1 male and 7 females.
- (c) Scarlet Fever. One case, being a $4\frac{1}{2}$ year old boy.
- (d) Measles. Eight cases, being 4 male and 4 female.

SCHOOL CANTEENS.

All schools in the Rural District have canteens where mid-day meals are provided for the scholars.

FOOD INSPECTION.

All food premises within the District are periodically inspected by the Public Health Inspector.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Preparatory work for a new village water supply scheme for Llanbister is proceeding satisfactorily and it is to be hoped that the scheme can be installed during the forthcoming year.

Work has commenced on the extension of the Llandewy Ystradenny water supply scheme to serve properties in the Crossways area and this should be completed early in the new year.

Regular samples are taken from all the Council's Supplies by the Public Health Inspector and these are bacteriologically analysed at the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury and at the Public Health Laboratory, County Hospital, Hereford. The supplies generally are very good and no treatment is being carried out.

There are no public swimming baths within the Rural District.

The number of dwelling houses and the estimated population supplied from public water mains direct to the houses in the various parishes are as follows:-

<u>PARISH.</u>	<u>HOUSES.</u>	<u>EST. POP.</u>
Beguildy	82	328
Bleddfa	32	128
Cascob	16	64
Discoed	7	28
Heyope	29	116
Litton	1	4
Llananno	-	-
Llanbadarn Fynydd	14	56
Llanbister	3	12
Llandewy Ystradenny	18	72
Llanfihangel Rhydithon	48	192
Llangunllo	42	168
Norton	47	188
Pilleth	1	4
Stanage	-	-
Whitton	8	32

There are 29 dwelling houses supplied from Standpipes, i.e., 7 at Llaithddu village in the Parish of Llanbadarn Fynydd, 13 at Llanbister and 7 at Crossways, Llandewy Ystradenny. As soon as the extension from Llandewy Ystradenny is completed, all these 7 properties at Crossways will be able to have a piped supply of water within the dwelling houses.

SEWERAGE.

The Norton Sewerage Scheme was nearly completed by the end of the year and the Council's Consulting Engineers are dealing with preparatory work in connection with schemes for Llandewy Ystradenny and Llangunllo.

After these schemes have been installed, consideration will have to be given to the villages of Felindre, Beguildy, Lloiney, Knucklas, Llanbister, Llanbadarn Fynydd and Dolau.

MILK SUPPLY.

There are no main dealers premises situated within the Council's area, but three retailers from adjoining Authorities retail milk in this Rural District.

ICECREAM.

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the area, and only five are registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream. Periodical inspection of these premises are carried out by the Public Health Inspector, and conditions are generally satisfactory.

RODENT CONTROL - Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

A systematic survey of properties is being carried out by the Council's Rodent Operator and treatment given where found necessary.

MIDWIVES ACT.

The District Nurses working in the Rural Area act as Health Visitors for the County Council. Mrs. Malone is employed also on full time Health Visiting in the area.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are only two factories situated within the Rural District.

OUTWORKERS.

So far as is known to your Officers there are no outworkers in the Rural Area.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no common lodging houses in the District.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding my Annual Report, I would express my thanks to the Members and Staff of the Council for their help and co-operation in my work as Medical Officer of Health.

I have the honour to remain
Your obedient Servant.

J.G. GARMAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

